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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - TURKISH/UN DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY: UN ADVISES THAT ARRANGEMENTS WITH TURKS ON ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ARE WELL ADVANCED. UN TECHNICAL TEAM, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT, IS EXPECTED PROCEED ANKARA ASAP. INITIAL INFORMAL EXCHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN MARTENS AND AMBASSADOR KIRCA ON STANDBY COMPENSATION FOR POPPY FARMERS. OPENING NOISES BY KIRCA REPRESENT VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THOSE MADE ANKARA TO GREENFIELD TEAM LAST MONTH BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO RELAX. ORDER FOR JEEPS DUE BE PLACED SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING TURKEY.

3. PROJECT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED OF FOLLOWING ITEMS:
(A) TRAINING OF CHEMISTS AND SOME RESEARCH; (B) ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STRAW STORAGE BARNES; (C) STUDY TOUR BY TURKS TO LEARN EUROPEAN STRAW PROCESSING METHODS AND SECURITY CONTROLS FOR ALKALOIDS FACTORY; (D) PRELIMINARY ASSISTANCE LOOKING TOWARD AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE FOR DETECTION OF ILLICIT CULTIVATION; (E) SMALL AMOUNT SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR TNP OPERATIONS, COMMONEQUIPMENT NEEDED TO SUPPLEMENT THAT WHICH IS AVAILABLE AND 75 JEEPS WITH RADIOS FOR TMO; (F) FORENSIC LABORATORIES; (G) TRAINING FOR SENIOR POLICE PERSONNEL. PROJECT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FORWARDED ANKARA FOR FINAL APPROVAL BUT KIRCA
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IS SO SURE THAT THIS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FEW DAYS THAT MARTENS,

WITH UNNY APPROVAL, IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS PLACE ORDERS FOR EQUIPMENT

4. WE ARE ADVISED THAT UN INTENDS ASAP TO SEND EXPERT TEAM ANKARA TO CONTINUE PRESSING OTHER MATTERS RELATED ENFORCEMENT. ONE TASK OF THIS GROUP WILL BE TO VERIFY STATUS AND CONDITION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT NOW ON HAND AND TO ASCERTAIN WHAT NEEDS BE DONE AS EMERGENCY MATTER TO PATCH UP SYSTEM FOR UPCOMING HARVEST SEASON AND TO DEVELOP MORE EFFECTIVE LONGER-RANGE TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IN GROWING AREAS AND BETWEEN THESE AREAS AND ANKARA. MARTENS HAS ASKED KIRCA WHETHER AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT, NOTABLY PAUL KATZ, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY AS PART OF UN TECHNICAL TEAM. KIRCA REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE, NOTING TURKEY WOULD ACCEPT TECHNICIANS OF ANY NATIONALITY AS PART UN EXPERT TEAM.

5. MARTENS HAS ASKED KIRCA WHETHER GOT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN UN'S PROVIDING CONTINGENCY FUND OF \$500,000 TO BE USED TO COVER UNBUDGETED EXTRAORDINARY OPERATIONAL COSTS OF GOT CONTROL PROGRAM, ALONG LINES US ACTION IN 1971. SUCH FUND WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON RECOMMENDATION OF UN PERSONNEL STATIONED IN TURKEY IN CONNECTION UNFDAC PROGRAM. JUSTIFICATION WOULD INCLUDE INABILITY OF TURKS THEMSELVES TO MEET EMERGENCIES SUCH AS POSSIBLE RENTAL OF VEHICLES NEEDED IN GROWING AREAS DURING CRITICAL PERIOD IN EVENT MORE NEEDED OR NEW JEEPS CANNOT BE DELIVERED ON TIME, PER DIEM AND TRAVEL OF PERSONNEL NOT EARLIER PROGRAMMED, ETC. KIRCA PREDICTABLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH CONTINGENCY FUND.

6. TALKS ON COMPENSATION ARE EXPECTED BEGIN WEEK OF MARCH 3. KIRCA WILL BE NEGOTIATOR ON TURKISH SIDE AND MARTENS ON UN SIDE. FOR THIS PURPOSE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF TURKISH DELEGATION PRESENT FOR CURRENT CND SESSION ARE REMAINING IN GENEVA TO ADVISE KIRCA. IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN STAFF, MARTENS HAS REQUESTED THAT QUENTIN JONES BE AVAILABLE BEHIND-THE-SCENES IN GENEVA TO ADVISE HIM.

7. IN MEANTIME WE HAVE DEVELOPED STANDBY COMPENSATION FORMULA (TEXT POUCHES ADDRESSEES) WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MARTENS AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY HIM. FORMULA IS BASED ON A COMPARISON OF EXPECTED INCOME BETWEEN HYPOTHETICAL 1975 OPIUM/INCISED STRAW CROP AND 1975 NON/INCISED STRAW CROP. FARMER WOULD BE ASSURED THAT HIS PRICE FOR NON-INCISED STRAW WOULD BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO INCOME HE
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WOULD
HAVE RECEIVED FROM INCISING, THUS REDUCING TEMPTATION TO DIVERT ANY PART OF CROP. WE HAVE STRESSED REPEATEDLY TO MARTENS AND HE UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR SECURITY REASONS FOR ATTRACTIVE PRICE TO FARMER TO BE ANNOUNCED BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES WELL IN ADVANCE OF INCISING PERIOD.

8. MARTENS HAS TAKEN INFORMAL SOUNDING OF KIRCA ON COMPENSATION

QUESTION. KIRCA STATED HIS BELIEF THAT PURPOSE OF UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE TO DEVELOP FORMULA, NOT ACTUAL COMPENSATION FIGURES, WHICH NECESSARILY WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL CROP IS SOLD. KIRCA ALSO NOTED HE CONSIDERS FORMULA SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ADJUSTING ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPIUM/INCISED STRAW AND UNINCISED STRAW AT 1975 PRICES. KIRCA FURTHER AGREED ON NEED FOR FAIR PRICE TO FARMER TO BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE OF INCISION PERIOD. KIRCA MENTIONED HE HAD STUDIED FORMULAE SHOWN GREENFIELD TEAM ANKARA LAST JANUARY AND HE QUESTIONED INCLUSION OF ELEMENT ON VALUE OF LABOR LOST FROM NOT INCISING, NOTING THAT THIS WORK HAD ALWAYS BEEN DONE BY GROWERS OWN FAMILIES AND THAT THIS IS A VERY SUBJECTIVE MATTER DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY.

9. WE HAVE STRESSED TO MARTENS AND MANBY THE BASIC NEED FOR TURKS TO HAVE IN GROWING AREAS ESPECIALLY DURING INCISION PERIOD LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT (HELICOPTER AND/OR FIXED WING, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY) TO EYE-BALL SURFACE ACTIVITIES. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS POINT AND URGE UN TO PUSH TURKS ON THIS. WE HAVE GIVEN MANBY CHECK LIST OF ESSENTIAL SECURITY STEPS DRAWN FROM DEA RECOMMENDATIONS AS REFINED HERE AND INCLUDING GREENFIELD PROPOSAL FOR UN OBSERVERS IN GROWING AREAS DURING CRITICAL STAGES. DALE

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